

## SOME NEW INDIAN RODENTS

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*(With a Plate.)*

In working out the specimens collected by the Society's Mammal Survey I have found two animals which are unnamed, *viz.*—a hare from Khandesh and a most interesting long-tailed mouse, which I can refer to no known Genus. Further in the course of comparison I have found, in the National Collection, series of specimens closely related to the common Indian Field-Mouse (*L. ooduga*) which require a name. This paper deals with the descriptions of these three species.

LEPUS SIMCOXI, sp. n.

*The Khandesh Hare.*

A hare about the size of *nigricollis* and *ruficaudatus*, distinguishable at sight by its smoke grey nape.

General colour above pinkish buff, much mixed with black, individual hairs of the middle back white at base (10 mm.) followed by a dusky ring (4 mm.), remainder (9-10 mm.) pinkish buff with a short black tip; below pure white; on the lower back all buffy colouring disappears and the hairs are greyish white with black tips. Face coloured like the back, cheeks and chin and commencement of throat pure white, lower throat dark buffy. Ears drab. Limbs outwardly pinkish-buff. Nape grey. Tail above blue-black with only the slightest buffy tinge, below pure white.

I can detect no important constant difference between the skulls of *nigricollis*, *ruficaudatus* and the present species. The nasals in the present species are narrow and equally broad in their whole length, but being laterally bent downwards, anteriorly, give the idea of a sharp pointed muzzle.

*Dimensions of the type* (recorded by the Collector).—Head and body 480; tail 89; hind foot 112; ear 105. Skull: greatest length 94; basal length 76; zygomatic breadth 40; greatest length of





DATE 7.8.11 SEX ♀ No.

*Cremnomys cutchicus* 102.

Loc. Chhalura, Cutch. B.N.H.S.

ALT. 500

COLL. C

DATE 25<sup>9</sup>/<sub>10</sub>

SEX ♀

No. 11-3-13-9

*Pyromys priestleyi*, Thos.

Loc. Venuval, Noga Parkatu

ALT. T & P. 500

COLL. C

DATE 27 April 1911 SEX

B.M. No. 11.3.13.10

*Grypomys gleadowi* Murray

Loc. Thar & Parkal E. Priestley (C)

ALT. Send B.N.H.S. (P)

COLLECTOR'S No.

DATE 16.7.11 SEX ♀ No.

*Misarcia miltada*

Loc. Nokania, Cutch.

ALT. 200

COLL. B.N.H.S. C

